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STEEL PRICES HIGH

With the current value of steel at record levels, it makes sense for local recyclers to collect all of the steel that is available in their area. Prices have been rising most of the year, and some analysts think it will continue to stay high. Many counties have already held white goods drives and collected junked automobiles this year, cleaning up the countryside and reaping the benefits of the market. Kentucky counties often collect and sell more ferrous metals than other recyclables, so if you have not held a white goods drive recently, consider holding one soon.

FEDERAL ELECTRONICS CHALLENGE

The Federal Electronics Challenge is a purchasing, use and end-of-life management challenge issued for federal facilities and agencies that want to purchase greener electronics and manage their electronic assets in an environmentally sound manner. It is an extensive collection of resources for buying, managing and recycling electronics available online at www.federalectronicschallenge.net. Electronics are reported to be the fastest growing segment of the solid waste stream and many are concerned about the products, from the materials used in manufacturing to end-of-life disposition.

On the opening page of the Web site in the Tools menu, click on Acquisition and Procurement and find the link to Key Environmental Attributes to assist in buying electronics that are energy efficient, contain reduced toxic constituents and are designed for ease of recycling. The Tools menu also includes a link to the End-of-Life Management; a few of the links are:

- The Checklist for Selection of Electronics Reuse and Recycling Services provides guidance on handling electronics that are being phased out. Advice is available to make informed decisions in the selection of a recycler. The information also assists electronics recyclers to better understand the issues facing the electronics recycling industry.
- The Electronics Recycling Facility Audit Checklist will help you to ask appropriate questions of recycling vendors to determine if they are reputable and in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations. For example, a company that has an EPA ID (United States Environmental Protection Agency Identification) number is not an "EPA approved" recycler. An EPA ID number is not a permit or a certification and EPA does not certify electronics recyclers. An EPA ID number only indicates that the company has registered with EPA as a waste generator.
- The Packaging Instructions for Electronics and Recycling section provides detailed guidance on packaging equipment prior to transfer for recycling and lists specific packaging materials and methods that can be used to prevent breakage and contamination. This is important if you are going to hold an electronics collection event, or if you collect electronics and ship them for recycling.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

America Recycles Day (ARD) is rolling around again on November 15. ARD is a national campaign with the goal of educating and encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled-content products. Since the first ARD campaign seven years ago, it has grown in participation to the point that last year residents in every state participated and pledged to recycle. For more information on participating and the prizes, call Mary Shinkle at (859) 334-3151, or go to the ARD Web site at www.americarecyclesday.org. You could win a Ford Escape Hybrid!

Visit the Division of Waste Management Web Site at <http://www.waste.ky.gov>



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Prices are based on trailer load lots paid by end-users. This guide is for reference only and does not represent an obligation by any buyer to pay these amounts. Prices vary according to location, condition of product and other factors. Prices for handlers and processors will be different from these prices which are quoted for manufacturers. Prices fluctuate daily or weekly, and are based on the second week of the month, unless otherwise noted, and may change.

Paper	<u>\$ per ton</u>	<i>Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From September 4 Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago and Midwest markets.</i>	<u>Previous month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Mixed Paper	60-65		65-70	
Sorted Office	135-145		135-145	90-100
Newsprint #6	55-60		55-60	40-45
Newsprint #8	85-90		80-85	65-70
Sorted White Ledger	190-200		190-200	160-170
Corrugated Containers	75-80		80-85	60-65
Plastics	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Sept 13. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.</i>		
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET-soda bottles)	14	clear and green (mixed)	14	12
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE-milk jugs) #2	22	natural	21	17
Glass	<u>\$ per ton</u>	<i>From Aug. 27, Recycling Manager, national average for truckload quantities, semi-crushed and cleaned, delivered to end-user.</i>		
Clear	29		29	29
Amber	17		17	17
Green	9		9	9
Metals	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>Aluminum from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Sept. 13.</i>		
Aluminum cans	59	densified, baled truckload, picked up	61	48
	<u>\$ per gross ton</u>	<i>Steel from American Metal Market, Sept. 10, 2004. Delivered mill price; Chicago market quoted.</i>		
Steel Cans	225	Clean, used densified cans	250	134